AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The applicant requests that the following paragraph in the specification on page 1, lines 12-22 be amended as follows:

With advances in integrated circuit, microprocessor, networking and communication technologies, increasing numbers of devices, in particular, digital computing devices, are being networked together. As a result of this trend of increased connectivity, increasing numbers of applications that are network dependent are being deployed. Examples of these network dependent applications include, but are not limited to, email, net-based telephony, world wide web (WWW), and various types of web based e-commerce, commonly referred to as web sites or web based applications. Further, increasing numbers of software applications that were traditionally licensed or distributed through discrete distribution medium, such as diskettes, CDROMs and the like, are being distributed online or offered as web based applications, through private intranets or public networks like the Internet.

The applicant requests that the following paragraph in the specification on page 7, lines 5-17 be amended as follows:

Referring now to **Figure 2**, wherein a block diagram illustrating the present invention for creating and maintaining a common design among web pages through the employment of a master specification, in accordance with one embodiment, is shown. As illustrated, in accordance with the present invention, master specification **202** is employed to control the common design of a number of web pages to be generated. The common design includes content placement, and at least one of style and navigation. As alluded earlier, content placement refers to the spatial placement of substantive content in a web page, whereas style refers to style elements such as fonts,

color, and so forth. Navigation refers to the supported transitions between the web pages. As will be readily apparent from the description to follow, by virtue of the employment of master specification **202**, control, and in particular, updating or making modification to the common design become much easier, without many of the prior art disadvantages discussed earlier.